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1. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Puetnitz airfield between 2 August and 4 September 1955:

2 August. From early morning to about 1300, there was intensive air activity. Only individual take-offs were seen. When landing a jet fighter

was seen. About 23 jet fighters were parked near the take-off point, and were later involved in air activity.

29 August. There was no air activity. About 14 jet fighters were parked on the western edge of the landing field, near the hangars.

4 September. No air activity was observed. Only two jet fighters were parked on the western edge of the field.

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2. A Kniferest radar set was erected near the guardhouse, southeast of the eastern end of the secondary runway. <sup>2</sup>
3. Since late August, naval soldiers have been seen several times in the Ribnitz-Damgarten area where they purchased articles from the various shops.
4. The following air activity and aircraft were observed at Puetnitz airfield between 12 and 18 August:
  - 12 August. Between 1600 and 1900, there was intensive air activity by eight jet fighters. The aircraft took off individually and in elements of two in rapid succession. Five other jet fighters were seen at the parking area, near the sheep-fold, during air activity.
  - 13 August. At 0800, four jet fighters took off at short intervals, assembled in formation and made local flights. At 0900, two formations of four jet fighters each were seen aloft. At the same time, eight jet fighters were parked on the area near the sheep-fold.
  - 14 August. There was no air activity. Seven jet fighters were seen on the parking area. At 2100, the airfield lights had not been switched on. During the night, a radio truck was parked near the wooden shack, just north of the Damgarten settlement.
  - 15 August. There was no air activity. At 1000, six jet fighters were seen on the parking place in the southeastern corner of the field, near the sheep-fold. One jet fighter was parked between the southern-most hangars, and eight jet fighters in front of the northern hangars. Several motor vehicles were seen in front of the northern-most hangar.
  - 16 August. No air activity was observed. At 1800, 7 to 8 jet fighters were parked in the southeastern corner of the field.

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17 August. There was intensive air activity. At 1030, two jet fighters landed at the field. At that time, 12 to 15 jet fighters were parked on the area northwest of the sheep-fold.

The following take-offs by jet fighters were observed:

<u>Time</u>	<u>Number of Jet Fighters</u>
1100 and 1120	9
1220	2
1230	4
1234	1
1240	1

All aircraft landed again after being aloft for a short time.

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There was again intensive air activity in the afternoon. At 1700, air activity was terminated. At about 1800, about 15 jet fighters were seen on the parking area.

18 August. At 0410, the loud noise of jet engines were heard from the airfield.

4. During air activity, 2 to 3 radio trucks were parked on the western runway end. There were no changes observed on the Token radar set, located on the southern edge of the airfield between Koeppenber Hill and the sheep-fold at Pustnitz. Another radio mast was seen just near the sheep-fold. No details could be observed. A telephone line lead from this mast to the Token set. A small permanent-type building and several huts were seen near the Token set. Revetments arranged side by side were seen east of Koeppenber Hill extending beyond the Token set. A radio station with a mast, about 10 meters high, was located east of the airfield, at approximately on triangulation point 10.5. The upper section of the mast was reinforced and two bracings lead to the ground. A small hut was erected near the mast. Another radio station with single mast but without reinforcement and a wooden hut were observed south of the first radio station and east of triangulation point 6.7. An additional radio set with single mast and hut was located at the height of the flying lane west of the northernmost buildings of Damgarten settlement. A small permanent-type building and a hut, both fenced in by a barbed-wire fence, were located between other buildings west of the road leading from Damgarten to Dechowshof estate, approximately in line with the firing ground. During the night, a truck with a van-like superstructure was observed in the fenced-in area. A truck of a similar type, as mentioned above, was seen coming from the direction of Damgarten and heading toward the airfield. Because of darkness, no details could be seen. <sup>2</sup>

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5. Intensive motor traffic was repeatedly observed in the airfield area.

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6. On 25 August, a Token radar set was located on triangulation point 14.5, about 1,500 meters southeast of Ribnitz railroad station. Noise of a power plant was heard but no rotations of the radar set could be seen. A temporary building was under construction just near the radar station. Six civilian workers were employed there. On the southern portion of triangulation point 14.5 was a small wooden hut and a radio truck, of which only the roof could be seen, since it was parked in a hole. A Discone antenna was observed on the radio truck, from which the engine noise was heard. Three telephone masts were erected between the radio truck and a small temporary building located about 150 meters south of triangulation point 14.5. Two Soviet soldiers were seen there. Between 2130 and 1330 and 1500 and 1630, the Token radar set was seen in operation, in the area at the southern edge of the airfield. There was no air activity. Three black-painted temporary buildings and a radar set of an undetermined type, which was partially covered by wood, were observed on the northeastern edge of the airfield from the Dammgarten settlement. 2

7. Trucks [ ] and sedan [ ] were seen on the airfield area.

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1. [ ] Comment. Puetnitz airfield is believed to be still occupied by the headquarters of a fighter division and two fighter regiments. Air activity was conducted along the usual pattern. [ ]

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2. [ ] Comment. The Kniferest radar set near the sheep-fold is reported for the first time [ ] The Kniferest set in the northeastern corner of the airfield was observed the last time in the fall of 1954. The Token radar set is apparently erected on triangulation point 14.5 about 1,500 meters southeast of Ribnitz railroad station. No detailed information on the location of this set has so far been received. It can be assumed that a possible GCA-type set is installed in the van-like superstructure of the truck, which was repeatedly observed near the flying lane. All other radio and radar installations have previously been reported.

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